

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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BLUEBIRD REINSURANCE COMPANY LTD.,	:
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Plaintiff,	:
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-v-	: 20-CV-4481 (JMF)
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PARKWEST ADVISORS GROUP, LLC,	: <u>ORDER</u>
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Defendant.	:
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JESSE M. FURMAN, United States District Judge:

Plaintiff Bluebird Reinsurance Company Ltd. brings this action against Defendant ParkWest Advisors Group, LLC , invoking the Court’s subject matter jurisdiction on the ground of diversity of citizenship. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1332. Plaintiff alleges that it is a citizen of Bermuda. *See* ECF No. 1 (“Complaint”) ¶ 4. It alleges that Defendant (the “Defendant LLC”) is a citizen of New York. *See id.* ¶ 5.

It is well established that a limited liability company (“LLC”) is deemed to be a citizen of each state of which its members are citizens. *See, e.g., Handelsman v. Bedford Vill. Assocs. L.P.*, 213 F.3d 48, 51-52 (2d Cir. 2000); *see also Altissima Ltd. v. One Niagara LLC*, No. 08-CV-756S(M), 2010 WL 3504798, at \*2 (W.D.N.Y. Sept. 2, 2010) (noting that every other Court of Appeals to have considered LLC citizenship has held that an LLC has the citizenship of all of its members). Thus, a complaint premised upon diversity of citizenship must allege the citizenship of natural persons who are members of an LLC and the place of incorporation and principal place of business of any corporate entities that are members of the LLC (including the citizenship of any members of the LLC that are themselves LLCs). *See Handelsman*, 213 F.3d at 51-52; *see also, e.g., In re Bank of Am. Corp. Sec., Derivatives, and ERISA Litig.*, 757 F. Supp.

2d 260, 334 n.17 (S.D.N.Y. 2010). In the present case, the Complaint fails to do so. In addition, it alleges only the business addresses of the Plaintiff and Defendant rather than their states of citizenship, as required for purposes of diversity jurisdiction. *See, e.g., Leveraged Leasing Admin. Corp. v. PacifiCorp Capital, Inc.*, 87 F.3d 44, 47 (2d Cir. 1996) (holding that a complaint that fails to plead citizenship of relevant parties does not properly assert diversity jurisdiction).

Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that, on or before **June 22, 2020**, the Plaintiff shall amend its Complaint to allege the citizenship of each constituent person or entity comprising the Defendant LLC. If, by that date, the Plaintiff is unable to amend the Complaint to truthfully allege complete diversity of citizenship, then the Complaint will be dismissed for lack of subject matter jurisdiction without further notice to either party

SO ORDERED.

Dated: June 15, 2020  
New York, New York

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JESSE M. FURMAN  
United States District Judge